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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Michigan Justice McCormack named to national forensic science panel

"A Michigan Supreme Court justice was named to the newly created National Commission on Forensic Science. Justice Bridget McCormack was appointed to the commission, which aims to improve the practice of forensic science by developing its application in the criminal justice system and producing policy recommendations for the U.S. Attorney General, including requirements for formal training and certification."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MLW Blog: McCormack named to forensic panel

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Lansing State Journal: Justice Bridget McCormack: Interpreters will help state's court system to be fair

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack writes "Michigan's court system needs qualified foreign language interpreters to make sure all people in Michigan have consistent, meaningful access to the courts. Justice requires that all parties have the ability not only to tell their side of the story, but to understand the opposing side. Interpreters make that happen. The Michigan Supreme Court's new rule requiring all courts to provide interpreters brings an urgency to the search for qualified interpreters."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Times Herald/Port Huron.

Also see:

Ingham County Legal News: Courts need interpreters

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Jackson County Legal News.

Foreign language interpreters needed for courts; Supreme Court seeks to ensure those who can't speak English have meaningful access to justice system

[Press release](#)

WJR 760 AM/Detroit: Paul W. Smith Show: Judge Michael Talbot (5:16 minute podcast)

Court of Appeals Judge Michael Talbot, 36th District Court Special Administrator, tells Paul W. Smith about progress regarding major reforms at 36th District Court. Judge Talbot also announced a new partnership with the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

[Podcast](#)

Detroit Free Press: Raw Data: Dark money in Michigan politics

"... Donors to these advertisements are not required to disclose their identities — and a new law, signed by Gov. Rick Snyder late last month, ensured that this policy won't change. About a third of the spending in the 2012 elections, and about three quarters of spending in the Michigan Supreme Court campaigns, were issue ads."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Fifth Annual Tertzag Tribute Dinner to be held in Dearborn

"The friends and family of the Honorable Kaye Tertzag will host the Fifth Annual Tertzag Tribute Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Park Place Banquet Hall in Dearborn from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. The 2014 recipient of the Purple Sport Coat Award is attorney Anthony S. Guerriero. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack, last year's recipient, will present the award."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Macomb County judge pays \$1,750 in old child support

"Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Richard Caretti this week paid \$1,750 in child support to his ex-wife after a judge ruled he owed the money due to a check not being cashed in 2012. But the dispute with his ex-wife, Lori Conway, may not be over because Conway may appeal the judge's denial of collecting attorney fees, which have hit \$9,000."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Doctors not liable for death of Jehovah's Witness who refused blood transfusion, court rules

"The Michigan court of Appeals ruled in favor of doctors Friday in the case of a woman who died at St. John Hospital in 2007 after refusing a blood transfusion because she was a Jehovah's Witness. The estate of Gwendolyn Rozier sued several physicians and St. John Hospital, arguing that medical malpractice led to the need for a blood transfusion, and that doctors knew about her religious convictions but failed to prevent the loss and weakening of her blood after a kidney transplant."

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